What I Can Do With A Major In HISTORY

The study of the past broadens our perspective and allows us to discover the essential elements of human existence. Besides preparing students for careers in government service, law, teaching, business, advertising, and journalism, an education in history can lead to a variety of enriching careers. Positions that attract history majors will likely require some of the following qualifications: experience, extensive knowledge of a particular time period or region, the ability to communicate with diverse groups of people, and good writing and research skills. The term historian covers a broad range of career options and job settings. In general, historians study, assess, and interpret the past to determine what happened and why. They examine court documents, diaries, letters, and newspaper accounts; they conduct research, write, teach evaluate, and make recommendations. They interview individuals and study archeological and artifactual evidence. Schools, universities, libraries, and museums, government offices, and private enterprise are some of the job settings for history majors.

Examples of Job Titles for History Majors: Some of these jobs require education beyond the bachelor’s degree.

*Anthropologist *Legal Assistant / Paralegal *Market Research Analyst
*FBI / CIA Agent *Sociologist *Travel Agent
*Journalist *Clergy *Consumer Advocate
*Psychologist *Government *Historic Site Tour Guide
*Archeologist *Official *Media Consultant
*Foreign News Correspondent *Librarian *Urban Administrator
*Lawyer *Teacher, Social Studies *Historian
*Public Relations Specialist *Community Relations Director *Lobbyist
*Archivist *Historian *Technical Writer
*Foreign Service Officer *Congressional Aide
*Lecturer *Historic Preservation Specialist
*Research Assistant *Museum Curator
*Biographer *Urban Planner
*Genealogist *Criminologist *Indicter

Some Employers of History Majors:

Advertising *Bureau of the Census Business and Industry Central Intelligence
Broadcasting


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**History Major Skills**
- Explaining Ideas
- Interpreting events and ideas
- Writing and presenting information
- Examining evidence
- Analyzing ideas and information
- Developing a world view
- Explaining the present by referring to the past
- Decision making